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Applicants : Douglas U. Mennie *et al.*
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED DECEMBER 31, 2007

Dear Commissioner:

This paper is being submitted in reply to the FINAL Office Action mailed December 31, 2007, for which the three-month date for response was March 31, 2008. A request is hereby made for a one month extension of time to extend the deadline to April 31, 2008, and this response is being filed within that extended period. The payment of the extension of time fee is being made concurrent with the filing of this paper. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the FINAL rejections in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant's **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicant's **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.